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SUBJECT: CICR MEETING OCTOBER 4, 1973

REF: (A) USNATO 4493; (B) USNATO 4555

1. ANTIWESTERN PROPAGANDA: UK REPRESENTATIVE DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF UNATTRIBUTABLE FCO REPORT ON RECENT EAST BERLIN YOUTH FESTIVAL. MISSION SENDING COPY BY AIRGRAM.

2. FOLLOW-UP TO CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF INFORMATION SECTION IN MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE. ACTING CHAIRMAN (VERNON) READ DRAFT OF REPORT ON CONFERENCE. WILL BE CIRCULATED TO CICR IN NEXT FEW DAYS. WILL BE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL IN FEW WEEKS; COUNCIL WILL BE ASKED TO TAKE NOTE. MISSION WILL SEND COPY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. NATO 25TH ANNIVERSARY. DISCUSSION DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.

4. OTHER BUSINESS.

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A. "NATO'S 15 NATIONS"-- ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE ASKED THAT NATIS KEEP COMMITTEE INFORMED OF ANY PROGRESS IN COUNTERING WIDELY-HELD AND FALSE IMPRESSION THAT MAGAZINE "NATO'S 15 NATIONS" IS AN OFFICIAL

PUBLICATION.

B. NATO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (REF B)--IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON WHEN NATO FELLOWSHIP ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED, ACTING CHAIRMAN SAID THAT WHILE DECISION ON FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM SEEMED URGENT, IT WAS ACTUALLY ALREADY TOO LATE FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR. HE SAID THAT EVEN IF CICR COULD REACH COMPROMISE ON PROGRAM AND HAVE IT ADOPTED BY COUNCIL, IT WOULD TAKE ADDITIONAL 6 TO 8 WEEKS TO HAVE MATERIALS PRINTED AND SENT TO NATIONAL PROCESSING ORGANIZATIONS. THIS WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO IMPOSE USUAL DECEMBER DEADLINE AND WOULD PROBABLY RULE OUT PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR. ITALIAN AND FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES BOTH EXPRESSED SHOCK AT THIS SITUATION. SAID THEIR IMPRESSION WAS THAT PROGRAM WOULD AUTOMATICALLY GO ON FROM YEAR TO YEAR UNLESS COUNCIL TOOK EXPLICIT DECISION TO ABOLISH IT. ACTING CHAIRMAN SAID THAT SINCE FUNDS HAD TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL EACH YEAR, NATIS COULD NOT GO AHEAD AND EXPEND FUNDS ON BROCHURES OR OTHER ITEMS OF ADVANCE PREPARATION IN HOPE OR EXPECTATION THAT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WOULD BE APPROVED FOR THIS YEAR. FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT HIS PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT SECRETARY GENERAL SHOULD BE ASKED TO GIVE AUTHORIZATION TO AT LEAST GET ADMINISTRATIVE PREPARATIONS STARTED.

C. NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 11.

MISSION COMMENT. IT APPEARS THAT U.S. DESIRE TO ABOLISH NATO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM MIGHT BE ACHIEVED BY SIMPLE PASSAGE OF TIME AND LACK OF CONSENSUS. MUCH WILL DEPEND ON HOW AGGRESSIVE FRENCH AND ITALIANS WILL BE IN TRYING TO GET FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM'S ADMINISTRATIVE WORK STARTED PENDING COUNCIL'S DECISION ON CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM. THEIR APPROACH SHOULD BECOME CLEAR AT NEXT CICR MEETING, AFTER WHICH MISSION WILL REQUEST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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